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THORVALD & VERA NIELSEN

Tom and Vera came to Canada in 1924 from Denmark - Tom from Vejle and Vera from Copenhagen.

They were married in November, 1924, and spent their first two years working on a farm in Saskatchewan.

In 1926 they moved to Alberta to manage a farm at Spruce Grove where they stayed for the following three years. They also lived for a short while in Cherhill.

In 1930 they bought a farm

in Ardrossan, and in 1948 they moved to Edmonton.

Tom's next vocation was carpentering, and he became superintendent for Brodie Construction.

Tom was one of the moving forces behind the building of the Scandinavian Centre, and on its completion in 1964 he became its first manager, retiring in 1969. During those five years he became a familiar, friendly face to the many people who used the

Centre, and as a result of his hard work the mortgage was paid off.

Even after he retired, Tom still helped out at the Centre in many ways, even relieving as manager again at times. His interest never waned, and the Scandinavian people are indebted to him for much valuable advice over the years.

Likewise, Vera has coordinated Charter Flights to Scandinavia since 1964 and

has contributed unlimited time and effort. Every year there has been a sizable contribution to the tune of \$8,000.00 in 1983 and \$7,000.00 in 1982.

Both of them have helped many new Danish Canadians over the years. They are long-time active members of the Danish Society "Dania" and Vera has been part of Bikuben for many years.

The Nielsens lived on Edmonton South Side for 20

years and moved to the North side to be closer to the Centre.

Tom and Vera had 5 children - Elsie (Mrs. Henry Duport) of Ardrossan; Betty (Mrs. Andy Kjearsgaard) of Edmonton; John of Grande Prairie; Helen (Mrs. Bruce Stetson) of Las Vegas; and Denis of Sylvan Lake. They have 12 grandchildren and 14 greatgrandchildren.

HELP!

Our sincere thanks for your subscription - without you and the many others who are receiving this paper we would not be able to continue the vital communication without fellow Scandinavians!

We presently have funds to enable us to send out six issues for the year, but unless we increase the number of subscribers considerably we will surely have difficulty after that time.

Because of this we are asking you if you would let your friends and neighbours know that the Scandinavian News is again being published, and perhaps pass along the subscription form from this paper.

We will greatly appreciate your help.

SKAL - TOM AND VERA

Two hundred and eighty-six guests gathered together at the Knights of Columbus Hall on January 28th to pay tribute and recognize the staunch support and hard work both Tom and Vera have contributed to the Scandinavian Centre ever since its inception. Tom was unable to be present for the evening's testimonials, as he has been in the hospital for some time.

Wally Brown, Harry Huser, Odd Espeland and Gary Johnson, played during cocktail hour.

Kransekake Centerpiece

At 7:15 p.m. Vera, wearing an orchid in tones complementing her rust dress, arrived on the arm of Lennart Petersson, President of the Scandinavian Centre. All the candles were lit - a beautiful sight! A traditional

Madsen said grace, and a beautiful buffet dinner was served.

Several rhyming toasts were sung, becoming more and more voluble with each dram of akvavit.

Tribute Paid

After the meal tributes were paid to Tom and Vera by President Petersson and a testimonial song composed by Selma Sorenson was sung by Gary Johnson accompanied by the Freeloaders to the tune of 'Piken i Hamburg'. An engraved tray and photo album (to be filled with the evening's activities) were presented to Vera on behalf of the Scandinavian Centre by President Lennart Petersson. A bouquet of red, white and blue carnations (Scandinavian colours) was sent to Tom at the Charles Cammell Hospital.

After the dinner, Lennart Petersson had the honour of the first dance with Vera; the music continued for all till after midnight to the popular 'Emeralds'.

Coffee and more Scandinavian goodies were on hand to complete the evening.

Mange tak, Vera and Tom!



Our own Vera

Festivities for this special occasion were arranged by Selma and Sig Sorenson, and Rose and Knut Svidal. Elegantly-set tables were bedecked with vases for red and white carnations.

Receiving Line

Selma and Rose greeted the guests at the door, and they were welcomed by a receiving line of Paul Karvonen, Don Shaw, Knud Holm-Pedersen, Sig Sorenson and Lennart Petersson. Joan Petersson was in charge of the guest book.

The mood for the celebration was enhanced by the swinging Scandinavian rhythms of the Sons of Norway Freeloaders, Del Melsness,

kransekake was a special centerpiece for the head table. Bouquets of red, white and blue carnations adorned the food table. Pastor Holger



First dance with Vera

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MINISTER OF CULTURE HAS GUEST

By Bob Burt

The March 6th meeting of Torske Klubben was held at the Saxony Inn with the usual good attendance. Gary Johnson as Boss proceeded to get things under way following an excellent cod fish supper.

Reports were given by treasurer Don Sjolie, who indicated the club was indeed solvent. Per Nielsen spoke of the next S/N activity KON-TIKI NIGHT Wed. March 24th at the Captain's Cabin (General meeting, Dance & Lunch). In speaking for Ski for Light, Per said there will be Winter Cross Country Ski Races held at Kananaskis March 13 - 18th supported by Sons of Norway. Sev Berg reported on the success of the Sports Weekend at Claresholm at which Edmonton Solglyt 143 brought home both the Curling and Bowling Trophies, adding that a good time was had by all, and we would compete and take on all challengers next March 1, 2 & 3rd in Camrose, Gary (Boss) announced that the next meeting of Torske Klubben would be Wednesday April 11th at a joint Alberta get together in Innisfail.

Guests present at the Supper were Norwegian Flight Simulator Training Students attending a course Mar. 2 - 11th at Namiao. These included Kare Quim, Flight Engineer; Kyel Lutnes, Senior Pilot; Tom Capplen, Knut Ytreland, Jorgen Bue & Odd Pioneberget, the flour student pilots. This group was made to feel at home, and their presence was much appreciated.

Ed Stoyko introduced the Guest Speaker, the Honourable Mary Le Messurier, Minister of Culture, Govt. of Alberta.

In opening, Madam Le Messurier said she was well informed of the S/N members' cultural support in fostering Norwegian Heritage, language, and scholarship programs, as well as their involvement in the Ski for Light program.

Through the Alberta Cultural Heritage Council this group proposed to preserve culture and develop understanding of Ethno-cultural Communities, recognizing their position in the Economic Development of Alberta. She mentioned the Multicultural Education Kit which is to be used in the instruction of Social Studies, and its contents used by the media in both radio and T.V.

She concluded by complimenting S/N on their Summer Culture & Language Camp which provides for a promotion of Heritage involving families living and learning together.

She assured the gathering that she was supportive of their endeavours and backs them to the best of her ability.

Sev Berge thanked the Honourable Mary Le Messurier for her informative talk. She was presented with a bottle of Norwegian Akvavit as a token of appreciation.

Torske Klubben members are increasing in membership and enthusiasm; the aims and ideals are firm and strong, the membership co-operative and loyal.

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MY SWEDISH HERITAGE

By Verna Larson

My first recollections of stories my grandmother told me were of "faboan", which was a group of little log

cabins situated in the hills some distance from the main villages where the families lived.

Their small land holdings did not provide enough feed for their stock, so they had to find grazing pastures in the hills. Here then, to the "faboan" they took their cattle, horses and goats for summer feeding, and returned in mid-September. They called this "buffering".

Several families from a village would make this summer sojourn, and each would have a cabin where they slept, and there was a larger communal cabin where they cooked their meals, baked bread (knackibrod, which they strung from wall to wall with strings run through holes in the round flat bread), made butter, mis-smor (or mis-ost) and various kinds of cheese. These they brought back home to the village for their winter food supply.

The trek up to the faboan was in

itself a ceremonious affair. To haul the supplies up to the hills they used horses or oxen-drawn carts and/or packhorses, laden with food, clothing and other essential supplies they would need for their two to three-month stay in the hills.

On the day of departure, usually the 10th of June, all the villagers would gather to see them off and wish them well on their journey. Naturally there would be music, and several fiddlers (spelmannen) would march in the lead, followed by the villagers and then the heavily laden carts. How far the fiddlers and villagers led the caravan is not clear - perhaps until they tired of the walk.

Many of the small cottages in the faboan have been renovated and are being used as summer cottages, a favourite retreat for the Swedes who love to get away from the bustling cities and relax in the quiet of the countryside.

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FLY SOUTH WITH US

By Bob Burt

"Down Under", is not only interesting, but a pleasant change of pace. We left Edmonton Jan. 26th under a blanket of snow, to wing our way south. Travelling to Los Angeles, Honolulu, then after losing a day to arrive in Auckland, N.Z. The blast of warm air that welcomed us was refreshing as we moved from Winter to Summer on the other side of the world.

New Zealand is a pair of Islands the size of England or Japan, with a population of 3.2 million people. The North Island is much smaller, but has 70% of the population - 85% European and 9% Maori.

side our lodge. The rugged road then led to Queenstown on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. There was shopping and an aerial gondola ride to the Skyline Chalet, and always plenty of flood and fresh fish. Previous nights were cloudy, but here we were able to see the Southern Cross.

The City of Te Anau, resort area of the South, was a sleepy little location, a pleasant change of pace. We then toured the rugged hilly country with steep climbs and zig-zag descents, heading for Milford Sound. This is Fjord Country which reminded us of Norway, with its deep inlet, sheer cliffs and sparkling waterfalls. Dunedin reminded me of Edinburgh,



Glacier at Mt. Cook Icefields

The Bill Jackson Tour, 78 members strong, invaded New Zealand for two weeks, Australia for five days, and Fiji for a week. That month during which we kept driving on the left side of the road, was very hard to get used to. Throughout this time we kept pinching ourselves saying, "Can this be happening to us?"

The first leg of our tour covered harbours, a visit to Rotorua, the Lake Country, Waitomo Caves and its glow worms, the thermal reserve at the Region of Geysers, and entertainment by the Maoris. What an experience! The group spent several days on a sheep, cattle or deer farm, where they were treated royally. A. Janette and I stayed on a deer farm, where well over a hundred grazed near by. We saw rams on display and watched sheep shearing. Enroute we were stopped by sheep being herded by one of those faithful sheep dogs. These days were spotted with "Happy Hours" and pleasant rural visits. New Zealand people are soft-spoken, friendly and unhurried.

Then a flight to Christchurch on the South Island. The bus tour was delightful as we wandered over hill and dale to Mount Cook, 3,000 meters above sea level. It was refreshing to see snow-capped mountains so near as we sun tanned out-

The ASPELUND LAFT HUS SOCIETY is an offshoot group of SONS OF NORWAY ASPENLUND Lodge in central Alberta, but membership is not limited to Lodge members, or indeed, persons of Norwegian descent. Membership in this exciting project extends to anyone interested in learning the old Norsk crafts and at the same time making a cultural contribution to all central Albertans.

The LAFT HUS OR STUE, is approximately 30' x 40', and will be as close a replica as possible to a particular home preserved in Numedal, Norway. If any readers have information about sod roofing or foundation stone masonry, we would be very pleased to hear from them.

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maori Dance at Rotorua

interesting area. Here we were, in the heart of opal country. These shimmering gems were seen everywhere and reasonably priced. Australia is the home of the Koala Bear, the Kangaroo, Platypus, Emu, Lyrebird and many other unusual birds and animals, all of which can be seen at the Zoo.

The Capital of Australia is Canberra, a planned and beautiful city. We toured the House of Parliament, and viewed the many Foreign Embassy buildings. The War Memorial, magnificent and memorable, is an elaborate commemoration of all wars. All this travelling and bustling about, exhausted every one of us, and we were ready for a rest and sunning on a Fijian Island Viti Levu beckoned us, and Nadi was our Port of entry. We boarded a boat there to our Castaway Island retreat. This haven will long linger in our thoughts, for we walked the sandy beaches, toured nearby Islands and thoroughly enjoyed pleasant hospitality, excellent food and throbbing music. What a way to end a holiday!

It was with regret that we boarded the plane, on our Anniversary, to return home. A First Class Champagne Flight, we gained our lost day, returned to Edmonton February 23rd, still on our Anniversary. What stories each of us can tell. We were brown as berries, sore, tired and glad to be home.



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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

By Bob Burt

Next meeting of S/N will be Kon Tiki night at the Captain's Cabin March 24th. Come in Hawaiian garb, tanned if possible.

Delegates to attend the District 4 Convention include: Per Nielsen, Astrid Hope, A. J. Burt, Ken Domier, Sev Berge, Chris Nyhus, Betty Broen, Edythe Johnson, and Gary Johnson.

Leadership training for Executive Officers was held Feb. 19th at Camrose. Those attending from Solglyt 143 included Per Nielsen, Al Letendre, Kieth Lillevolden, Astrid

Hope, Betty Brown, Ken Domier and Peter Hansen.

Roy Swanberg, International Director of District 4, presided at the Conference. Don Waddell, District 4 Director, also was in attendance. Ross Anderson, Western Field Supervisor, showed pictures to the gathering. Discussions were held on Procedure of meeting, responsibilities of each executive officer and his duties. Method of voting was elaborated on. The day was very productive.

Chris Dreyer and his wife left New Years Eve for Hawaii where they spent 4 weeks on Maui, then 4 days

on Molaki. During their stay Chirs continued his Water Color Paintings. Several of his paintings were accepted at the Honolulu Art Museum, and he has been commissioned to paint others.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Vergette are visiting their son Bob and his wife in Surrey B.C. for a week, then to Victoria for a week to be with their daughter Marilyn Nickleberry and her husband. They will return April 15th.

Reta Steinbru is off on a well earned holiday; she expects to take in such exotic places as Hong Kong, Indonesia, Bangkok and Singapore. Leaving April 1st, she will be away for three weeks.

Wally Broen and Betty recently returned from a well-earned holiday on the Hawaiian Islands.

A Valentine dance followed the General meeting held on Feb. 11/84 with about 60 people in attendance. Spot dance prizes were won by Ruth Logan and Dale McBride and Tom Reidun Sneddon while the door prize of two tickets to the Kon-Tiki dance were won by Jack and Elaine Mackie. Bea Huser and Betty McKevitt won the boxes of Valentine chocolates. A buffet luncheon was served at 10:30 p.m. by Keith and Cheryn Lillevolden and Orla Tychsen complete with a large Valentine cake. Everybody enjoyed dancing till 1:00 a.m. to the music of the "MOONLIGHTERS".

On January 20th Doreen and Del Melsness of Courtenay, B.C. became proud grandparents when a baby boy, Kieth Rodger, arrived to parents Darlene and Rodger Osberg.

Doreen and Del were also present for the Sons of Norway Installation Dinner and Dance which was held at the Saxony Hotel on January 21st. Del took his position at the piano

when the Freeloaders (Wally Broen, Harry Huser and Gary Johnson) entertained during the cocktail hour, and later played for the installation ceremony.

On January 27th, again while Del was in Edmonton, it was arranged that the Freeloaders entertain at Canterbury Court (where Astrid works). They received a standing ovation, and played encores for another hour. The Freeloaders participating were Wally Broen, Harry Huser, Odd Espeland and Del Melsness.

On February 3rd Freeloaders-Henry Undheim and Harry Huser entertained at Elmwood Senior Citizens' Lodge. They were urged to come at least once a month.

On February 15th the Freeloaders (Harry Huser, Wally Broen and Gary Johnson) went over big with residents of Lynwood Extended Care.

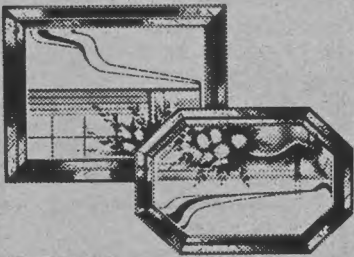
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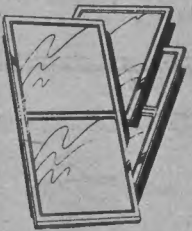
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Club President Ole Hansen says he thinks the club will bring about an increasing awareness of the active Danish community in Edmonton and Northern Alberta. The group will also sponsor social events and entertainment, and be a source of information

about Danish heritage, crafts, and culture.

The initiative was taken last spring by Consul Donn Larsen in connection with the task of presenting Denmark at the "CRAFTS OF THE WORLD" exhibition during UNIVERSIADE '83 in Edmonton. This exhibition became a huge success and the Danish stand was greatly appreciated by thousands of visitors.

This led us to believe that the people responsible for this success should stay together and continue promoting Denmark's crafts, and heritage. We agreed to form the

Danish Canadian Friendship Club and it is now registered with Alberta's ministry for Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

We hope by making the club a Danish CANADIAN Club that many of our members will be Canadians who are interested in the Danish Culture and traditions and who would like to see these traditions kept alive for future generations.

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By Margaret K. Smith (Nee Nelson-Nystrom)

We began in November, and due to the flu missed awhile but continued later on through to mid-January. In total we completed a little more than ten hours of instruction on crafts and information.

We had a glossary to follow. This involved four pages of information on history, cosmology, myths, arts, ceramics, furniture, famous painters, sculptors, authors and changing architectural forms. Folk-art was also discussed and its importance in the economic and political spectrum. We were greatly intrigued by the enormous findings in the bogs that added so much to the total history and archaeology of the Scandinavian countries. We began with a simple discussion and pictures of the gradual withdrawal of ice, the bronze age, stone age etc., with the artifacts found and consistent with the period; migration routes and eventual effects on home countries' development by the notions gleaned abroad, were also noted.

Involved in the handicraft area was an attempt at woodcarving; also a small article of primitive weaving was made utilizing small stones wrapped in cloth and attached to the warp while using some natural wool newly spun on the article made; one lesson was spent working with clay, here they made a primitive pot with incised decorations and rolled clay as well as a runic tablet. Incising was made with an old mollusk shell or bone fragment. Finally, they drew an old Viking clinker-built ship and a stave church with drakhoder, leaves and other carvings from a long time ago.

Notable also was the return to a simpler expression in some artistic areas after the elaborate borrowed in-

fluences of the 14 to 18 centuries. Throughout, the blending of the crafts and histories, the viewing of many pictures and the interspersing of selections from the Song of the Sybil, Havamol and other early scriptures made my first attempt at such a project most interesting. These children are marvellous in that they take part in extra courses several hours over the weekends to further their knowledge in other areas.



BUFORD VASA LODGE

By Doris Modin

The new slate of officers were installed at our January 26th meeting.

Installation was performed by District Master, Brother Lennart Petersson, his wife, Sister Joan Petersson, Brother Ray Nyroos and Sister Evelyn Modin of Skandia Lodge No. 549; and District Deputy Brother Tony Lefstrud of Buford Vasa Lodge No. 577.

Officers installed were:

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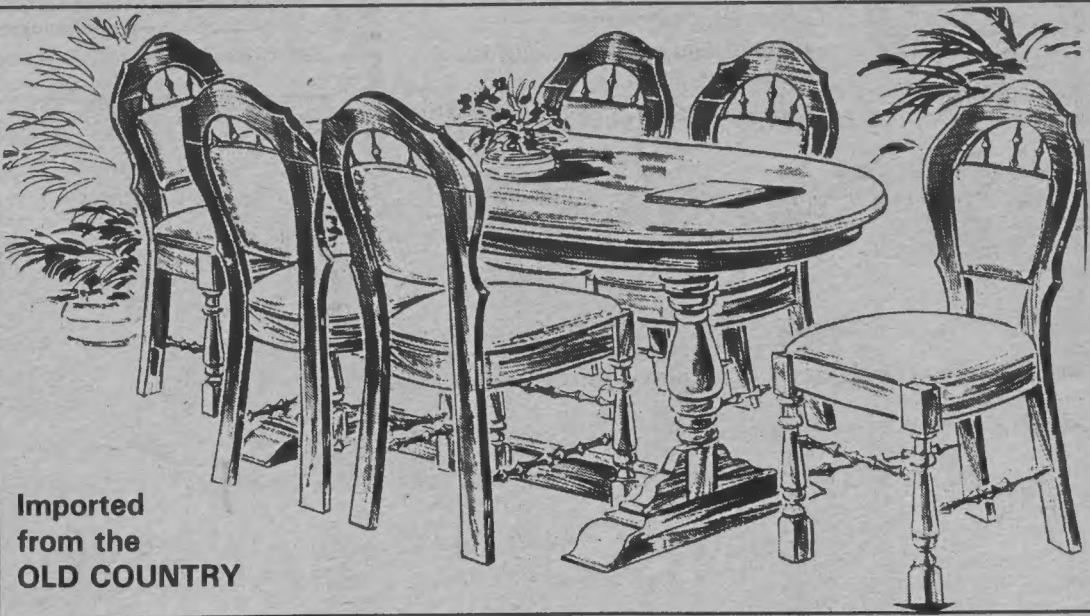
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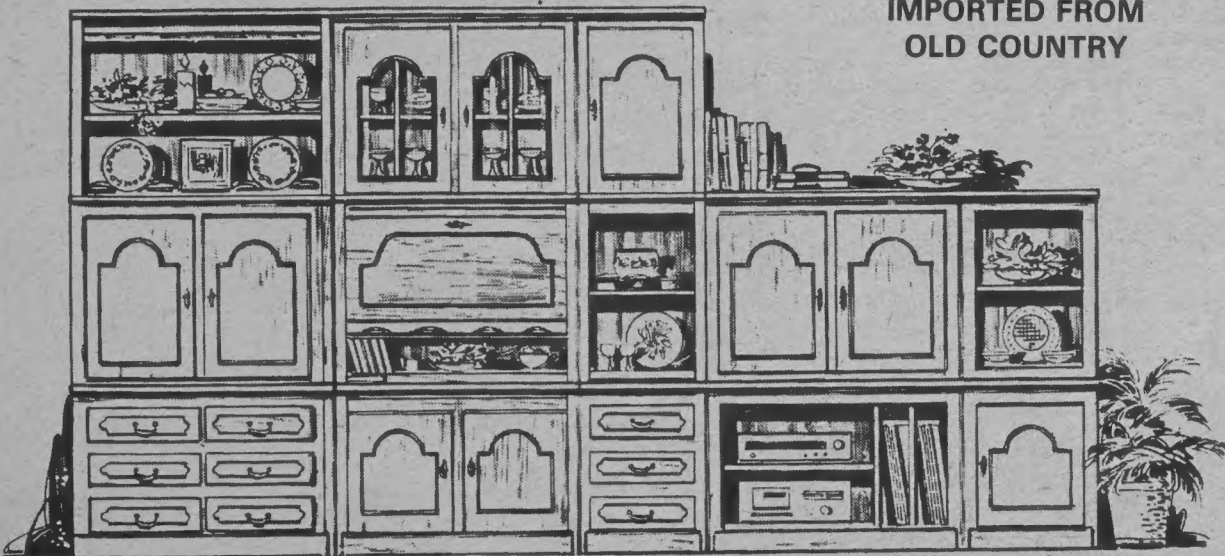
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Schedule of Services for March and April

March 11 - 11 am. - English Service with Holy Communion
 March 18 - 11 am. - Danish Service
 March 15 - 11 am. - English Service

April 1 - 11 am. - Danish Service with Holy Communion
 April 8 - 11 am. - English Service with Holy Communion
 April 15 - 11 am. - Danish Service
 April 19 - 8 pm. - Danish Service with Holy Communion (Skaertorsdag)
 April 20 - 11 am. - English Service with Holy Communion (Good Friday)
 April 22 - 10 am. - Danish Service
 April 22 - 11 am. - English Service
 April 29 - 11 am. - English Informal Service

(Sunday School is held every Sunday during the Service. Your kids will be welcome too.)

SPECIAL EVENTS

March 30 - Friday - 6:30 p.m.
ANNUAL SPRING SUPPER AND BINGO

To be held at Calder Community hall, 12721 - 120 St. A traditional Danish pork supper will be served with all the usual good trimmings. Tickets are \$10 per person, available from any member of the Danish Young Women's Club, or phone Anne-Lise Larsen at 459-7341 before March 27th. But HURRY - there are only 300 tickets available. Bingo follows the supper - 15 Games for \$1.00.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sunday April 8, following the morning Service, the Ansgar Youth Group is sponsoring a **STARVATION LUNCH**. All proceeds from this event will go to Canadian Lutheran World Relief, to provide help for the many starving people in the 3rd world countries.

The STARVATION LUNCH will proceed as follows: As you come into the Church basement you will draw a slip of paper out of a box. On this paper will be a number between 2 and 20. This number will indicate how much you will be permitted to spend on your starvation lunch. You will have a variety of choices such as, a glass of water for maybe 5¢, or half a cup of thin soup for perhaps 6, a small helping of rice for 7¢, etc. etc.

After everyone has spent their allotment on their starvation lunch, we will see a short movie on conditions in a 3rd world country. Following the movie there will be tables loaded with western type foods, which may then be purchased at going rates. We hope that many people will come and support our young people in their efforts to help alleviate some of the hunger in the needy part of the world.

This STARVATION LUNCH is part of a drive from Ansgar Church to attempt to raise at least \$564 through SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS. Special Offering envelopes have been sent out with the Church NEWSLETTER, and Lenten Offering boxes will be handed out at the Church. But why \$564? In the Annual Church Budget there is an item called Benevolences with the sum of \$564 beside it. A benevolent gift is a gift given out of love. If we can raise \$564, then the Budgeted amount is added to it to make \$1128. This sum is then matched by the Provincial Govt. for a total of \$2256, this total is matched by the Federal Govt. to make \$4512.

The theme of this year's drive is "TOGETHER IT'S POSSIBLE" And if everyone pitches in, it is possible. Please help us to help others help themselves.

MAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Please Note:

1. Beginning May 6 we go on SUMMER SCHEDULE with Services at 10 am.

2. In May ONLY the order of Danish - English Services are reversed from the normal order, in order to accommodate scheduling.

May 6 - 10 am. - English with Holy Communion. Pastor Albert Rasmussen, manager of Ansgar Villa will be guest pastor.

May 13 - 10 am. Danish Service with Holy Communion.

May 20 - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY both Services in English
 First Service 9:30 am.

Second Service 11:00 am.

May 27 - Danish Service.

SPECIAL EVENTS DURING MAY

Ladies Aid **SPRING BAZAAR** will be held on SATURDAY, MAY 19 at the West Jasper Place Hall, 9620 - 152 Street, from 11 am to 2 pm. As usual there will be a wide variety of items available from plants to needlework, fancy baking and bedding plants. And the ever-popular Tombola will be even bigger and better than ever. Of course you will be able to buy a delicious lunch of open-faced sandwiches with your coffee. So do set the date aside. Well before the Bazaar date there will be opportunities to buy lucky tickets. These tickets will be sent out in April via the ANSGAR NEWSLETTER. If you don't get any, or you would like more please phone Vera Nielsen at 454-5438, and she will fulfill your requirements.

By Kaye Kerr

The members of Vasa Lodge #549 continue to support the variety of activities available to them in 1984. The monthly meetings are well attended, well conducted and the discussions are lively.

The completion of the modern hall building at Vasa Park at Pigeon Lake gave rise to a lot more activities, both summer and winter. One project planned for 1984 is the establishment of a library at Vasa Park. The library is to consist of Swedish books, music (records and tapes) and archives. The membership is urged to donate any book, record or article that may enrich the Lodge. Some members have also expressed an interest in a Vasa Choir, Folk Dancing and Swedish Language.

Mrs. Verna Larson is our new Cultural Leader in her presentation of the life in her village in Sweden at the last meeting was well received.

An Interlodge District Golf Tournament is being planned for this summer. Location and dates will be announced later. Anyone interested in entering the tournament is asked to contact Marj Samuelson at 986-7692 or Ray Nyroos at 469-8286.

All Lodge sport fans keep those arms in shape for the District Bowling and Curling Tournaments in Lethbridge, April 7, 1984. Contact for the bowling is Marj Samuelson, 986-7692 and Ken Banks at 459-7211 for the curling. Trophies will be presented. The next meeting of Skandia Lodge #549 will be on March 5th, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. at The Orange Hall, 9414 - 111 Avenue.

February 25 & 26th will long be remembered as a Fun Weekend at

SKANDIA NEWS

Vasa Park when the Lodge held their Winter Weekend. Broomball, skating and Cross Country skiing were only a few of the sports being played. A delicious "smorg" was also served.

Henry & Linnea Lodge were hosts of the Past Chairmen's meeting on February 20th, 1984.

Vasa Lodge members circle June 3, 1984 on your calendar. That's the date of the Hokanson barbecue.

The Vasa Ladies held their monthly meeting at the home of Sonja Sund on February 15, 1984. Astrid Winquist was the Hostess. New officers were elected as follows:

President: Alice Sorensen
 Secretary: Sonja Bergstrom
 Treasurer: Martha Kay

The next meeting will be held on March 20th, 1984 at the home of Linnea Lodge.

We are sorry to report Clifford Dahl has been in the Royal Alexandra Hospital since December 9th, 1983. He is very ill but would be pleased to have his friends visit him. Report at Station 6303. His two sons and daughter were home to visit him: Vernon of Seattle, Ralph from Victoria and Connie Streid from California. Our thoughts are with the Dahl family.

Connie Pearson has been in the

hospital. We are pleased to hear she is home recuperating. Get well soon, Connie!

Kaye Kerr is home again after surgery in Misericordia Hospital. She is back at work after spending the month of January recuperating.

Several of our members have had the pleasure of travelling this winter. Delores and Don Melin along with boys Craig and Trevor spent Christmas in Hawaii.

Anna, Ragnar and Glen Roos have returned from an enjoyable trip to Hawaii.

Charlotte Samuelson visited her daughter, son-in-law and grandson in Courtenay, B.C.

Ken McEvoy recently returned from a trip to British Columbia. While in Vancouver Ken visited with Winnie and Oscar Pearson; Margaret and Bert Lundgren and Rita and Bob Brown. Ken found everyone in good spirits and enjoyed his visits with them.

An article written by our Cultural Leader, Verna Larson, on "Life in Sweden" in her Grandmother's Day can be found elsewhere in this issue of the Scandinavian News. It is most enlightening.

SWEDEN IN 1984



Myron Kerr

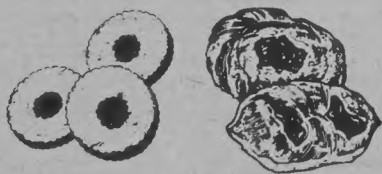
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UNIQUE PROJECT

The Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation has awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,650.00 to the Aspelund Laft Hus Society towards the cost of completing their Norwegian cultural project.

Formed in 1981, the Aspelund Laft Hus society has been engaged in building a replica of a log home typical of the 1700's, from the south central district of Numedal, Norway.

The society's name, meaning "log house," is taken from the Norwegian verb to "Laft," or to "build with logs."

Traditional Arts

The purpose of this project is to learn the methods of traditional

Norwegian arts, and share them with others. A few of these arts are log-joining, sod roofing, stone masonry, furniture-making, woodcarving and rosemalling.

During and after construction of this home, the society is making it available to the community as a living museum of Norsk Culture.

Architecturally unique, the Scandinavian log buildings of old are a rich lesson in adapting materials at hand to meet the rigours of posterity. Some of these buildings have endured for up to eight hundred years.

Prebuilt on a temporary site along the Blindman river, a permanent site is being sought for the Laft Hus in, or

nearby, the City of Red Deer.

Jan Setre Instructs Log-Joining

With the help of society volunteers, the intricate log joining has been the work of instructor-contractor Jan Setre, originally of Trysil, Norway. Since immigrating to Canada eight years ago, Mr. Setre has built many log structures in Alberta and British Columbia, and instructed log building courses at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

The research and design are the work of Brian Grosseth, and chairman of the project's building committee is Stan Wulff.

Folk-Festival Inspiration

Funding for the Laft Hus began over

seven years ago by a small group of Norwegian-Canadians in Central Alberta. Inspired by the Red Deer International Folk Festival Society's hope to build an International Village, the project gained impetus from a donation of timber valued at approximately \$2,000.00 from the Langvand family of Red Deer.

Financial assistance has also come from the local Sons of Norway lodge. primary funding has been from interested donors and small fund raising activities.

Thousands of volunteer hours are projected to complete the project, and the past record of steady interest gives the society the confidence that

it can be done.

Alberta Culture Contributes

Another source of financial support has come from Alberta Culture for log-joining and sod-roofing workshops.

The recent grant from the Alberta Culture Heritage Foundation is in keeping with their objects to preserve the cultural wealth of our past, including that of ethno-cultural groups in Alberta, and to support and contribute to the development of the understanding of the ethno-cultural background of Alberta. The funds at their disposal come from an allocation received from the Western Canada Lottery (Alberta Division).



Planning logs for Norsk Stue - Stan Wulff of Red Deer, President Aspelund Laft Hus Society

PRO CORO CANADA PRESENTS A CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONDUCTING SYMPOSIUM

During the week of April 11 - 18, 1984 Pro Coro Canada will present a Choral and Orchestral Conducting Symposium at the Alberta College Music Centre in collaboration with Alberta Culture, The Alberta Choral Federation, The Edmonton Youth Orchestra, The Schola Cantorum Chamber Choir and Alberta College.

During the symposium the principal work of study will be J.S. BACH'S ST. JOHN PASSION under master conductor Eric Ericson.

Professor of choral conducting at the Royal College of Music and principal choral conductor at the Swedish Radio, Stockholm. ERIC ERICSON has been one of the most influential figures in the choral world for over a quarter of a century. Ericson, alone or with his four vocal orchestras (the Swedish Radio Chamber Choir, the Swedish Radiochoir, the Royal College of Music Chamber Choir, and his male chorus, Orphei Dranger) has appeared in virtually every country in Europe, North America, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and in every major music festival. His 30 or so recordings of EMI, RCA and TELEFUNKEN with the likes of Concentus Musicus and the Berlin Philharmonic have twice earned him the prestigious Deutsche Schallplatten Preis and the

Edison Preis. Since his last appearance with Pro Coro Canada last season, this year's activities have included guest performances in Berlin, Ansbach, Rome, Amsterdam, London, Paris, Zurich, Helsinki and Portland, amongst others as well as three new disc releases: a new recording of *Handel's Messiah* with Concentus Musicus, Wien (Telefunken), *Verdi's Quattro Pezzi Sacri* with Riccardo Muti and The Berlin Philharmonic (EMI) and recording of *Brahm's* choral works (EMI/TELDEC). Upcoming performance include concert tours to the United States, Canada, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Singapore and

South America with the Stockholm Chamber Choir and Orphei Dranger during the 1984 - 85 season.

Supporting instructors for the symposium include: Michael Massey - Conductor, Edmonton Youth Orchestra, Michel Gervais - Conductor, Pro coro Canada/Schola Cantorum, Leonard Ratzlaff - Conductor, Richard Eaton - Singers/Chairman, Voice/Opera/Choral Division, U. of A., Eva Bostrand - Pro Coro Canada/ConSept/Voice Pedagogue, Schola Cantorum and James Keene - Concertmaster, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra.

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On Wednesday, April 18, 1984, Pro Coro Canada will present J.S. BACH'S ST. JOHN PASSION, co-sponsored by the Bach Tercentenary Festival Foundation, Pro Coro Canada and Alberta College, featuring guest conductor Eric Ericson and soloist Lois Marshall (alto) and Mark Pedrotti (baritone).

The ST. JOHN PASSION tells the

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Pro Coro is pleased to welcome Lois Marshall who is recognized throughout the world as one of the foremost singers of our time and Mark Pedrotti one of Canada's most exciting and talented singers as well as solo artists Douglas Robinson (tenor), well known for his performances at the 1980, 1981 and 1983 Bach

Festivals in New York, James McLean, a light and lyrical tenor well known to Edmonton audiences, Wendy Humphreys (soprano), well remembered for her many solo appearances with Pro Coro, and the Steve Henrikson (bass), who has appeared extensively throughout Canada in oratorio, concert and opera presentations.

Along with Pro Coro Canada and their guest soloist will be members of Schola Cantorum (Alberta College) and Edmonton's newest chamber orchestra Musici Allegri under concertmaster James Keene.

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SNOW OVER CLARESHOLM

By Bob Burnt

The 13th Annual S/N Winter Games were staged March 2, 3 & 4th, 1984, at Claresholm. Each year sportspeople of S/N District 4 Canadian Clubs gather at a different location to compete for trophies in Curling, Bowling, Skiing and Norwegian Whist and a generous amount of good fellowship and sportsmanship flow.

Over 200 members gathered from Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Red Deer, Camrose, Calgary, Olds, North Battleford and Claresholm; Hamar Lodge #345 (Claresholm) welcomed the participants and made each person feel at home.



Winning Curlers - Ed and Marlene Stoyko, Evelyn and Gary Johns with Don Waddell, District 4

Registration and folder distribution took place at the spacious arena Friday evening. Teams and rinks were listed, with times and schedules, while skiers and whist players were informed of rules and regulations and sites for their action.

This was the start for meeting and greeting old friends and rivals, making ready for coming competitions. The program for this first evening consisted of entertainment by the various lodges, including skits, musical mimes spiced with good humor, individual accordion numbers and many excellent Norwegian folk dance routines. Claresholm singers, Jean Petersen, Alice Jepps and Inger Petersen sang the "Claresholm Polka".

Claresholm, O Claresholm, So beautiful you are,
The mountains are not far, A foothills Town you are.
OOH Claresholm, O Claresholm, We come from near and far,
To join the Hamar Lodge, the best around.
There are a lot of farms around you we can agree,
And lots of ranches too, with lots of Norskis too.
We are so proud of you because we know for sure now
You have the best Norvegens around.

The complete entertainment was in excellent taste and very well received. This was followed by the local orchestra playing for the dance, which livened up the evening, and set the pace for next day's events. A special lunch and coffee were served with all those high-calorie Norwegian pastries and desserts.

Banquet

Following the sports events Saturday, all gathered in the banquet hall for the Dinner. Head table guests included: Hans & Sigrid Stokken, President of District 4; O. Marshall and Vivian Moy, Past International President; Roy and Linda Swanberg, Director of District 4 International; Kermit and Lillian Lilja, Councilor and Sports Director for District 4; Evan and Jenny Lilliho, Zone 3 West of Missoula; Rod and Delores Baldry of Zone 3 East from Billing, Montana; with Don and Norma Waddell, District 4 Director and Shirley Isaacson, President of Hamar #345 Claresholm Lodge. Mayor Bob and Joan Mackin were also head

table guests.

Master of Ceremonies were Don Waddell and Shirley Isaacson; both welcomed the gathering. Mayor Bob Mackin brought greetings on behalf of the Town. Norwegian table grace was said by John Johnson, while English grace was given by Joyce Burnham. A delicious supper was served - the salad bar and desserts were by Peppermill Catering, while the main course was served by the Claresholm Lions Club.

Following the supper District president Hans Stokken, a first time visitor, said that the Sports Weekend was a great tribute, bringing lodges

the visitors from District 3. They were to take home ideas to further improve their Winter Games.

Two minutes of silence were observed by all present in respect of the memory of Maureen Bice, wife of Kenneth Bice, Vice-President of the Claresholm lodge.

The dance which followed the banquet was popular. This social part of the weekend is always enjoyed after a full day of sports activities.

Sunday morning following a very fine brunch, draws were made for the 13 excellent prizes, which had been donated by local members. Big winners included: A bean pot won by

1985 March 2, and 3. See you all then, and Good Luck!!

Solglyt Wins Winter Games Curling Trophy

Twelve rinks participated in the 'Spiel: Calgary entered 4; Edmonton 2; Red Deer 1; Grande Prairie 1; Claresholm 3; and visitors entered rink. The Edmonton rinks were both skipped by ladies: Evelyn Johnson was supported by Gary Johnson with Ed and Marlene Stoyko. This rink won all their games, and received medals for their effort. The other Edmonton rink included Rose Berge together with Per Nielsen and Ken and Selma Domier. Edmonton lodge was named winner by total points - Edmonton 30.5, Calgary 28.5, Claresholm 22.5 and Red Deer 19.0. There were some very close games and the competition is getting keener.

Solglyt Wins Bowling Trophy

The bowling tournament included 14 teams: Calgary sent 3 teams: Edmonton 3; Camrose 2; Red Deer 2; Claresholm 3; and Olds 1. Each team bowled six strings throughout the day. The lanes rocked with cheers, hand-slapping and congratulations as strikes and spares were chalked up. High scores were bowled by many of the group, but Edmonton teams counted highest in club percentage: Edmonton 5.948; Red Deer 5.9; Claresholm 5.846; Camrose 5.805; Calgary 5.7493; and Olds 5.717.

High team score was made by the Claresholm Lodge with a total of 6,107, whose team included Shirley Pedersen, Gordon, Wayne & Glenna Thompson & Bob Olson. Low team were George & Marie Dougherty, Anna Johnsen, Roy and Linda Swanberg. Ladies High Single, 300, was bowled by Shirley Pedersen, Claresholm, Ladies High Triple 1480 was won by Fran Andras of Red Deer;

Low lady was Delores Baldry, of Billings. Men's High Single 326 and High Triple 1501 were both scored by Ron Gagnon of Edmonton. Low man was Art Nelsen of Claresholm. All Edmonton bowlers were called to the stage for the presentation of the Trophy. Sev Berge, Edmonton Sports Director, accepted the trophy.

The whole Edmonton contingent were called to the front to sing their theme song "It's Awfully Hard to be Humble".

Winter Whist and Skiing Events

In the Whist competition 28 members participated with players rotating as the games were completed - winners up, losers stay. Medals were awarded for Men's High score to Les Wadey, while High Ladies' went to Trudy Baaker, both from Red Deer. Low man score went to (Mike) Mildred Knutson; Low lady score went to Jean Pedersen, both of Claresholm. An increasing interest is being shown each year in the Norwegian Whist contest.

In the skiing event, there were 11 participants. These members were driven by 4 x 4 van west of Claresholm into the foothills. It was ruled there would be no competition for Cross-Country Skiing as there were entries only from North Battleford and Red Deer. The group did enjoy fine skiing as there was plenty of snow. Medals were awarded to the youngest and the oldest skier entered; Clarence and Shawna Iversen, both of North Battleford, were the recipients. The Trophy was not contested this year.

The lodge winning the Trophy for the largest number of members registered to participate in the Winter Games was Red Deer Lodge. Don Waddell presented all trophies, medals and other miscellaneous awards for the sports event.



Peter Hansen Holds Bowling Trophy

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When it turned warm at the beginning of February, at first look it seemed that our skiing event would have to be cancelled because of lack of snow. But we were optimistic about the whole thing and advertised that if it was too cold, then the event would be held on the following weekend.

Well, the morning of February 26th dawned beautifully with even a trace of new snow, and we were ready for the competition. Earlier, our ever diligent President, with some help, had marked the trail.

About thirty people showed up and everyone enjoyed the morning skiing and just walking around. It was nice to see a former Edmontonian, Mirja Tommila from Vancouver, who was on a short visit to Edmonton.

The children's competition was won by Saska Vanhala, who also happened to be the only one competing, since Henrietta Laitinen and Kari Karsten decided not to take part.



Dick Sahuri - Third Place Finish

The ladies' competition was won by Sirkka Wahlbert, with Marja Leppanen closing in for a second place, and Ritva Haikarainen third. Our capable time-keeper who sent out the competitors and closely watched their arrival time, was Pasi Karsten.

The men's competition was won by Heikki Laitinen; second was Mauno Ketonen; and third was Dick Sahuri. The older men's competition was won by Arska Wahlberg; second was Martti Vuhtoniemi; and third was Pentti Sipari.

Congratulations to all the winners. Maybe next year all those who were just Sunday skiing or just walking around, will get enthusiastic and if you don't watch out maybe they will win.

Who knows?

All in all the day was very enjoyable and it was actually good to get outside to fresh air, even if the skis were forgotten at home.



Happy Winner - Sirkka Wahlberg Flanked by Marja Leppanen and Riva Haikarainen



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LIFE IN THE FINNISH WOODS

By Olaf Sveen
In the summer of '83 I attended two old-time-accordion festivals. The first one was at Kimberley, B.C., and it was a greater success than ever, with 77 contestants of all ages and sizes. The Happy Hans Open, where the first prize was two thousand dollars and trophy, was won by 19-year old Allan Valberg from

"Life in the Finland Woods" here, and that is obviously a mistake.
This was the Norwegian championship in old-time accordion playing, and it sounded quite different from what is heard in Kimberley. When the Norwegians say old-time, they mean old-time, and they play oldtime-grass-roots old-time. You never hear the leader of an oldtime band, and it was the four finalists in the Happy Hans Open. He said: "Nobody has played old-time that way for the last thirty years here." The old-time we play here is too sophisticated.
Eva could not believe her eyes when she saw all the young people walking around with accordions slung over their backs; in this country it



Ottar Akre - 87-Year-Old "Father of the Accordion" - with friends Helge and Eva

Calgary. He played Jamtgubben polka, Trollebo-schottish and Sol i sinnet waltz. It was a very emotional moment when he was declared the winner.
92-year-old Bert Olson from Edmonton won in his class, and he was probably most popular of all the contestants. Two young girls from the city, Susan Muilwyk and Christina Tavares, won the duet class, and there were many more winners in the different categories.
After Kimberley, Eva and I went to Norway, where we attended a big accordion festival at Finnskogen in the south-eastern part of the country. It is the location where Calle Jularbo composed the well known waltz "Livet i Finnskogen", often called

numbers such as "Lordagsvalesen" (Saturday Waltz), because they are hardly considered pure oldtime, but are called old hit tunes; and there is a difference.
I played a tape from Kimberley for would have been guitars, no doubt. To be present at such an event is breath-taking, to say it mildly, and it was said at least fifty thousand people attended the festival at Finnskogen.

TWO KINDS OF SAUCE

By Bob Burt
The first meeting of Torske Klubben for the New Year under Boss Gary Johnson was held January 10th at the Saxony Inn. Seventy-four members and guests were treated to Hot "Glog", made by Dane, Per Nielsen. Following this appetizer all sat to a feast of black cod, carrots, potatoes and sauce. This wasn't the only sauce, for Norwegian Akvavit was quaffed to many "A Sa Svinger Vi Pa Seidelen Igjen Hei - Skal". A new "Birthday Boy" song was introduced by past Boss Kaare Askildt: "Hurra for Deg som Fyller -----".
After the guests were introduced, it was found there were visitors from Norway; these included Dr. Lief Levin, Dr. Jan Owe Our and Nurse Laila Korsnes, who were made welcome. These officers were attached to the Norwegian Airforce, in training for Air Rescue and Survival.
S/N Past President Ken Domier gave a resume of the years activities. The Sports Officer reported on the upcoming Winter Games March 2 -4th; sportsmen in Skiing, curling, bowling and whist will travel to Caresholm for this event. One of our members, Per Nielsen, was named President of "Ski for Light" last year. As members of Torske Klubben are members of Sons of Norway, and have pledged to support the Club's functions, the Lutefisk Supper Jan. 21st, with the installation of New Executive, should be well attended.
A horn belt buckle made by Harry Huser was presented to Kaare Askildt for his service over the past two years as Boss of Torske. Henry Logan, an old timer of S/N was initiated into Torske Klubben.
Following all this business, Dale Johnson introduced the Guest Speaker, Police Chief Bob Lunney; prior to his present position he had served for 21 years with the R.C.M.P.
Chief Lunney spoke highly of his branch with such quotes as "High profile", "Demonstration of judgment", "Law Reform" and "New Laws". He spoke of his "Check Stop", to stop drinking drivers, and spoke highly of Crime Stoppers as well as encouraging Neighborhood watch, and Community Police Service.
Ken Domier thanked Police Chief Lunney for his informative talk, and presented him with a bottle of Akvavit.

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S/N EXECUTIVE INSTALLED

By Bob Burt

The Annual Lutfisk Supper was held at the Saxony Inn Jan. 21st; the Lutfisk very good and meat balls were served to those not so brave. A great time was had by all those in attendance, and the door prize, "A

and Al Letendre; Marshall - Reidun Berg, Assistant Marshall Roy Sundby; Historian A. Janette Burt; Publicity - Bob Burt; News Letter - Bea Huser. The Auditors for the year are: George Stewart, David Borg and Bernie Olfason.



NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS

Troll", was won by Vic Elverum.

Gary Johnson, past District Director, duly installed the Officers of the New 1984 Executive, President - Per Nielsen; Vice President - Kris Nyhus; Secretary - Betty Brown; Financial Treasurer - Peter Hansen; Treasurer - Vic Elverum; Social Directors - Kieth Lilevolden and Orla Tychsen; Cultural Directors Astrid Hope and Olga McBride; Counsellor - Ken Domier; Sports Director Sev Berge; Trustees - Gladys Clark, Normand Legaarden

It is expected that with such a slate of Officers the coming year will be more successful and more productive than ever. Good Luck to a good crew.

An executive Old and New party was held Jan. 12th, at which time old ideas and new suggestions were talked over. Scrap books were perused and a dream of a New Year with a new broom to sweep well. The Motto of the new executive is 'increase membership to 500 and see that they all are active in the organization'.

ORLA AND SVEND'S 25TH

Red and white poinsettias decorated Meadowlark Community Centre when Orla and Svend Tychsen celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 27, the actual date of their wedding. They were married at Central Lutheran Church

Bridesmaids Johanna and Tina Hansen wore similarly-styled gowns in white with caplets over their shoulders. They each wore a corsage of white roses.

The groom, enacted by Robert Lazar, also wore Svend's original

of the numerals '25'. It was most spectacular evidently originating from Denmark. The heat generated was terrific as the celebrated couple proceeded to blow them out. Good luck, Orla and Svend!

Presiding at the head table were Selma and Sig Sorenson; Mrs. Alice Smith, Orla's original bridesmaid from Swift Current; Mrs. Anne Johnson from Kamloops; and Orla and Svend. A traditional kranssekake (a special Danish wedding cake), decorated with Danish flags, centred the table. Orla wore a corsage of white roses on her rose-coloured gown, while Svend wore a carnation in his buttonhole.

Following a session of dancing a beautiful buffet supper was served. Pieces of wedding cake were passed around by the bride-in-honour herself.

Orla and Svend have two children: Randi Bwigneron living in France, who sent a congratulatory card for the occasion; and Ron, who was present at the celebration.

On display were scrapbooks of their 25 nostalgic years, and we all wish them another 25 years plus!



Candlelight Ceremony - Orla and Svend' Selma and Sig Sorenson

with Pastor Gordon Hope officiating.

A hilarious mock-wedding was enacted. Pastor Gil Erickson performed the ceremony. Given in marriage by her father-elect, Helmuth Hanson, the bride, Carol Anderson, wore a waltz-length gown of white lace with a net ruffle at the base of the skirt. She wore an overhead veil of net bordered with lace. The bride carried a bouquet of red Talisman roses. She wore Orla's original wedding gown - oh! to have that willowy 18" waist!

wedding suit (which appeared rather oversized on this groom). Attending the groom was best man, Michael Lazar.

Following the ceremony there was special music, and a special poem was read, composed by Sigurd Larson and Ben Jensen, a comic resume of Orla's and Svend's twenty-five years.

At the reception of 98 guests a special candlelight ceremony was held. Each guest lined up at the headtable and placed his or her lit candle in the pre-slotted placecard with the design



Mock Wedding - Carol Anderson, Bride; Robert Lazar, Groom



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